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SUBJ: NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATION AGREEMENT SPECIAL MEETING OF
REPRESENTATIVES JUNE 9-11, 1975

1. THE MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED OF PLANS FOR MEETING ON NAOS AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER A) STATE OF AGREEMENT, AND B) INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS.
2. THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR SUCH MEETING WAS ANTICIPATED IN FINAL ACT OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE OF DELEGATIONS FOR NAOS, IN 1974, IN THE EVENT THAT MINIMUM (80 PERCENT) SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION OF SHIPS WAS NOT ASSURED BY THE STATES SIGNING OR RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT.
3. THE SITUATION REGARDING THE AGREEMENT ON MAY 31, 1975, THE LAST DAY FOR SIGNING, WAS AS FOLLOWS: A) STATES THAT SIGNED THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT RESERVATION WERE DENMARK, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IRELAND, TUNISIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. THESE STATES WILL PROVIDE 31.8 PERCENT OF SUPPORTING CONTRIBUTIONS; B) STATES THAT SIGNED THE AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL: FINLAND, ICELAND, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND UNITED KINGDOM. THESE STATES WILL PROVIDE 26.1 PERCENT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS. ICELAND AND SWEDEN HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY RATIFIED THE AGREEMENT AND TOGETHER PROVIDE 3.08 PERCENT.

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4. THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS WHAT INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

MIGHT BE SET UP TO CONTINUE THE OPERATION OF THE NAOS SCHEME AFTER 30 JUNE 1975. IN VIEW OF U.S. INTEREST IN RELIABLE SOURCES OF WEATHER DATA OVER THE ATLANTIC, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT U.S. BE REPRESENTED AT MEETING AS OBSERVER. CARTWRIGHT AVAILABLE.DALE

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